No instructions have been issued by this Ministry in regard to setting up of these Counsils or for any such grant in respect of Societies etc.

S.T.D. Facility to towns in Assam

2609. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of towns in Assam, connected with STD services; and

(b) what are the names of towns proposed to be provided STD connections during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Thirteen (13) towns in Assam have been provided with STD facility as on date.

(b) Two (2) places namely Golaghat and Golpara are planned for STD facility during 1989-90.

Export of TV sets

2610. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has started exporting India-made colour and black and white television sets;

(b) if so, to which countries; and

(c) what would be our foreign exchange earnings during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Some TV set manufacturers have received orders for export of CTV sets and Black & White TV kits to some countries in the Middle East, Yugoslavia, North Korea and Bangladesh. Negotiations by some of the TV set manufacturers are also in progress for export of TV sets to other countries.

(c) During the current financial year 1989-90, the export of consumer electronic items including Black & White TV sets is estimated to be about Rs. 70 crores.

Setting up of joint consultative machinery by society funded by the Central Government

2611. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

DR. R. K. PODDAR:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHNA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(b) whether a society, fully funded and controlled by the Government of India, can set up its Joint Consultative Machinery;

(b) if so, whether it is necessary that the constitution of such JCMs must be vetted by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms; and

(c) if so, whether constitution of JCM of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had been vetted by the Department of Personnsl and Administrative Reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Joint Consultative Machinery & Compulsory Arbitration Scheme is meant for Central Government employees and is not applicable to Public Sector Undertakings or Quasi-Government Organisations.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.